



REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claim 12 is cancelled without prejudice.

Accordingly, the rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. 102 is deemed to be overcome.

The Applicants acknowledge with thanks the Examiner's indication that claims 14-28 are free of the prior art.

Claims 14-28 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. patent no. 6,307,039.

A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted concurrently herewith in conformance with U.S. practice.

Accordingly, this kind of rejection is deemed to overcome, and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance with respect to claims 14-28.

Accordingly, such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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